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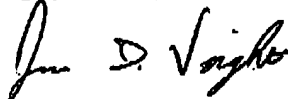
Accordingly, applicants have introduced provisions of Claim 8 in Claims 1, 5, 11 and 28, and have replaced the reference to the range of the isoelectric point of the protein used as protecting colloid in those claims by a reference to a pH range of from 4.0 to 5.5 corresponding to applicants' disclosure on page 20, indicated lines 19 to 26, of the application. New Claim 43 has been added to further bring out the process of Claim 4 as it is illustrated in Example 6 on page 39, indicated line 39, to page 40, indicated line 12, of the application. No new matter has been added.

As regards the Examiner's rejection of applicants' claims under Section 103(a) based on the teaching of *Horn et al.* (US 4,522,743) it is respectfully noted that applicants' arguments why the teaching of *Horn et al.* is not deemed to establish that applicants' invention was *prima facie* obvious at the time it was made which were presented in the preliminary remarks remain to be fully applicable. Favorable reconsideration of the Examiner's position and withdrawal of the respective rejection is therefore respectfully solicited.

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Encl.: CLAIM AMENDMENTS (Appendix I)

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